In the event of extreme scarcity and drought conditions prevailing, arrangements are made by Government in order to ensure fodder supplies by throwing open forest reserves and Amritmahal Kaval lands for grazing and by opening fodder depots in drought stricken areas.

Smuggling of Arrack and punishment to offenders.

Q.—42. Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA (Hassan District—General).—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of gallons of arrack that was detected when being smuggled into Belur and Sakleshpur Taluks of Hassan District within a few days of the introduction of prohibition ;

(*b*) whether they are aware as to who are responsible for such smuggling ;

(*c*) whether the addresses of the contractors or vendors are found on the cans that are smuggled ;

(*d*) whether Government would confiscate the cans that are used for smuggling ;

(*e*) whether it is not desirable to inflict severe punishment on the contractors or vendors when they are caught ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(*a*) 63 gallons.

(*b*) Yes. Professional smugglers.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Confiscation of the property involved will be ordered by the Magistrates on the merits of each case.

(*e*) Punishments are prescribed under the law. The Magistrates award punishments on the merits of each case.

Grant of Amrit Mahal Kaval for Cattle owners.

Q.—64. Sri K. H. MUDIYAPPA (Chikmagalur District—General).—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of persons possessing one hundred cattle each in the State (information to be given District-war) ;

(*b*) the extent of pasture land required for grazing 100 cattle for a year ;

(*c*) the facilities provided by Government to Aided Cattle Breeders ;

(*d*) whether arrangements will be made to grant to the owners of cattle who have not got sufficient pasture for their cattle, lands in proportion to their requirements in Amritmahal Kaval for upset price ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) 5.

	Number.
(1) Chitaldrug District ...	2
(2) Hassan District ...	1
(3) Tumkur District ...	1
(4) Chikmagalur District.	1

(*b*) 1,000 acres.

(*c*) Aided Cattle Breeders are at present in possession of an extent of 1,500 acres each of pasture lands leased out to them.

(*d*) No. The leasing of suitable kaval lands that can conveniently be spared for purpose of grazing of cattle is being examined.

Tests for certifying purity of M.A. 5 Cotton.

Q.—71. Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Chitaldrug District—General).—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the acreage of land growing M.A. 5 cotton ;

(*b*) whether any survey is made about the suitability of land for this purpose in the State ;

(*c*) the facilities created for certifying the percentage of purity of M.A.5. cotton grown by the agriculturist ;

(*d*) arrangements made for the supply of these seeds and for maintaining their purity ;

(*e*) the stage at which the tests are made ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) 30,235 acres.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Departmental examination or supervision from field to gin and press is arranged whenever an application is made either by the grower of M.A. 5 cotton or the trader.

(*d*) Primary seed plots are maintained at the Government experimental stations. Also pure seed plots covering 100 to 400 acres are maintained in each of the protected zones to return sufficient seed material for bulk distribution. The growing of this cotton is not encouraged where other cottons are grown to avoid mixing and deterioration.

(*e*) The tests are made at all stages from Kappas to final pressing and baling of lint.

Services of Tractors, Bulldozers, Excavators in connection with Grow More Food Campaign.

Q.—105. Mushir-ul-Mulk J. MOHAMED IMAM (Chitaldrug *cum* Tumkur—Muslim).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount spent on the purchase of tractors, bulldozers, excavators in connection with Grow More Food Campaign ;

(*b*) the number so purchased ;

(*c*) of these the number sold to private persons ;

(*d*) of the remaining, how many are in actual service ;

(*e*) the area operated upon with these machinery ;

(*f*) the number of tanks desilted by mechanical means during the last three years ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) Rs. 21,97,282.

(*b*) 127 tractors.
16 bulldozers.

(*c*) 22.

(*d*) 64.

(*e*) (1) Tractor plughing—
60,979 acres.

(2) Levelling by bulldozers—
103,809 C. yds.

(3) Reclamation—
2,078 acres.

(4) Desilting—
142,832 C. yds.

(*f*) 11.

Plea for appointment of an Officer of Nutrition.

Q.—218. Sri W. H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Bangalore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Rockefeller Foundation is partly financing the nutritional study in some Districts of the Mysore State ;

(*b*) if so, the total amount contributed by Government as well as by the said Foundation for the years 1948-49 and 1949-50 ;

(*c*) in view of the importance of such studies, whether they will provide additional funds in the next Budget ;

(*d*) whether the Government of Madras has constituted a committee and also appointed a full-time Officer of Nutrition ;

(*e*) if so, whether the Government of Mysore will appoint one Officer for similar purpose ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No contributions in the years 1948-49 and 1949-50.

(*c*) This will be considered.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) This will be considered.

Salary grades of Nurses in Medical Department.

Q.—223. Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS (Retroceded Area—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the salaries paid at present to the Nurses in the Medical Department and their grades ;